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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment and response is in reply to the office action, mailed July 12, 2006. The three-month deadline for response to this office action expires October 12, 2006. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the grounds of rejection and allowance of the claims.

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